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BEST et al.

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For: METHOD OF ALIGNING A SUBSTRATE, COMPUTER PROGRAM,
DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD, AND DEVICE MANUFACTURED THEREBY

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

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The references were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.

A copy of the full text and figures of the non-English language reference is attached hereto, in addition to an English-language Abstract of the reference.

Respectfully Submitted,

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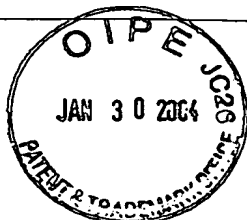
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